



State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals
Center for Preventive Health

TO: LOUISIANA WIC VENDORS
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LA WIC VENDOR MANAGER

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DATE: September 28, 2012

RE: **URGENT – Peanut Butter Recall**

FDA Investigates Multistate Outbreak of Salmonella Bredeney Infections Possibly Linked to Trader Joe's Valencia Creamy Salted Peanut Butter

What are the Symptoms of Salmonellosis?

Most people infected with *Salmonella* develop diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps 12 to 72 hours after infection. The illness usually lasts 4 to 7 days, and most people recover without treatment.

However, in some people, the diarrhea may be so severe that the patient needs to be hospitalized. In these patients, the *Salmonella* infection may spread from the intestines to the blood stream, and then to other body sites and can cause death unless the person is treated promptly with antibiotics.

Who is at Risk?

Children are the most likely to get salmonellosis. The rate of diagnosed infections in children less than five years old is higher than the rate in all other persons. Young children, the elderly, and those with compromised immune systems are the most likely to have severe infections. It is estimated that approximately 400 persons die each year with acute salmonellosis.

Who Should be Contacted?

Consumers who show any signs of illness from salmonellosis should consult their health care provider. The FDA encourages consumers with questions about food safety to call 1-888-SAFEFOOD or consult the [fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov) website.

For more information on specific labels and UPC#s being recalled, please visit

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/CORENetwork/ucm320413.htm>